

Around The Division...

2-397 Cavalry Conducts Annual Training at Fort Knox

Submitted by Bravo Troop, 2/397th CAV

Thanks to the reserve soldiers of 2-397 CAV, some Fort Knox privates had to deal with more than their fair share of drill sergeants this past summer. More than 80 reservists from 2-397 CAV became integrated with its active duty counterpart, Foxtrot 2-46 Infantry from 31 May – 11 August. The mission was to train new recruits to become competent, qualified soldiers. This year's mission posed a unique challenge as the average age of the more than 200 privates was 18.3 years old. These trainees had to complete 10 weeks of intense instruction before they earned the right to be called a soldier.

Before the unit could begin its training mission, 2-397 CAV had to ensure its drill sergeants and company-level leadership were properly certified. The certification process involved Reserve instructors completing an approved course of instruction and then getting board evaluated by a senior certified instructor. These boards ensured subject competence by observing a mastery of tasks.

Drill sergeants had to attend classes such as drill and ceremony, Army values, bayonet training and rifle marksmanship. Other certifications included range safety, first aid and risk assessment to name a few.

Along with the mental preparation, members of 2-397 CAV also had to maintain top physical conditioning. Organized physical training (PT) was conducted five days a week to keep the new recruits in peak condition. In addition to the daily PT routine, the reservists also took part in various road marches. Donning helmets, load bearing equipment, and rucksacks, the cadre of 2-397 helped motivate the young trainees to complete the grueling marches of varying lengths.

As each two-week increment drew to a close, the soldiers of 2-397 CAV left Fort Knox with the knowledge that soldiers had been trained to standard, and a strong working relationship had been forged between the reserve and active duty components. The commander of 2-397 CAV, Lt. Col. Carl Hulsewede, and the commander of 2-46 Infantry, Lt. Col. Thomas Dovey, agreed that the mission was a great success as 213 recruits successfully graduated.

10th Bn (CAS3), 6th Bde (PD), 100th Div (IT)

Submitted by Major Paul Stamps

The 10th Battalion (CAS3) held its 5th Annual Post Instructional Conference (PIC) in Lexington, Kentucky, 16-18 August 2002. With instructors scattered throughout the four-state region, this is the one time a year that the entire battalion is together in one place.

There was a lot to accomplish in the three days together. Mandatory briefings were conducted, personnel records were updated, equipment issued, and a train-up was conducted on changes to the CAS3 Program of Instruction (POI) for the 2003 school year. The battalion social/luau provided an opportunity to say farewell to departing soldiers and to recognize individual achievement.

Lt. Col. Danny Baldwin was selected for the unit's Mustang Award. A "Mustang Award" is a unit award given by the Battalion Commander to an individual that has made significant contributions to the battalion. The award itself is a bronzed horse head with the unit crest (a horseshoe on red background) attached to its base

The 10th Battalion (CAS3) conducts the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3) at various locations in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The mission of CAS3 is to train active component (AC) and reserve component (USAR & ARNG) Army captains to function as staff officers in the field. The course goals are to provide students with the ability to interact and coordinate as a member of a staff, to improve the ability to analyze and solve military problems, to improve communication skills, and to gain a basic understanding of Army organizations, operations and procedures.

Staff groups conduct a series of scenarios with each student in the role of an officer dealing with realistic staff problems at the battalion, brigade or division level. The 10th Battalion graduated 521 students from CAS3 in training year 2002.



Lt. Col. James Roe, 10th Bn (CAS3) Cdr, presents Lt. Col. Danny Baldwin, a CAS3 Staff Group Leader and Area Coordinator, with a unit "Mustang Award" during the Battalion Social/Luau. Lt. Col. Baldwin was selected to become the commander of the 6th Bn (TC) in Jackson, MS.